(d) and (e) While there is no such communication from the Air India employees Union in this regard, some factions of Indian Airlines employees have expressed reservations about the disinvestment in Indian Airlines. Their apprehensions primarily related to service conditions job security and likely change in the character of the airlines. The legitimate interests of the Airlines employees would be fully safeguarded in the process of disinvestment.

ACCELARATION IN DISINVESTMENT IN PSUs

2499. SHRI NANA L. SHIMKH : Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Cabinet Committee on Disinvestment has been reconstituted under the chairmanship of Prime Minister with several important Ministers as Members of the Committee in order to accelatarate disinvestment in public sector enterprises.

(b) if so, what are the recommendations of the Committee, and

(c) what are the names of PSUs/Companies proposed to be privatised ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Cabinet Committee on disinvestment does not make recommendation

(c) Does not arise.

Government Package for NFL and SAIL

2500. SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM : Will the Minister of Disinvestment be pleased to state :

(a) Whether Government have decided to sell of 51 per cent of their stake in National Fertilizer Ltd. and cleared a Rs. 8, 454 crore package for the financial and business restructuring of the ailing SAIL.

(b) if so, the details of the proposals and

(c) the steps taken to implement the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY) : (a) and (b)

Government has decided to disinvest a total of 51% of the NFL's equity held by the Government through strategic sale to a strategic buyer together with transfer of management control. The Government has also approved the following financial-cum-business restructuring proposal in respect of SAIL:—

(i) Financial Restructuring of SAIL by waiving of loans advanced to it from Steel Development Fund to a value of Rs. 5073 crore and Rs. 381 crore from the Government of India.

(ii) Provision of government guarantees with 50% interest subsidy for loan and interest thereon of Rs. 1500 crore to be raised by SAIL from the market to finance reduction in manpower through Voluntary Retirement Scheme.

(iii) Provision of government guarautee for loan and interest thereon of Rs. 1500 crore including Rs. 500 crore already agreed to be raised by SAIL from the market primarily for meeting repayment obligation on past loans during 1990-2000.

(c) An Inter-Ministerial Group has been constituted in respect of NFL for implementing the decision. A Memorandum of Undertaking has been signed between Ministry of Steel and SAIL indicating milestones for implementation of the Business Restructuring Plan.

Objections by Union Ministries in respect of disinvestment of PSUs

2501. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM : Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether proposals for disinvestment in respect of Public Sector Undertakings under different Union Ministries have drawn objections from the respective Ministries and Departments;

(b) if so, whether such objections have been received from the Ministries of Food Processing and Civil Aviation in respect of disinvestment in relation to Modern Foods, Air India and Indian Airlines, respectively; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY) : (a) to (c) The recommendations of the Disinvestment Commission are considered in